RESOLUTION NO. 4185

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, DECLARING VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed Executive Order S-06-08 which takes immediate action to address a dire situation where numerous California communities are being forced to mandate water conservation or rationing.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER DO HEREBY DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

That Voluntary Water Conservation is hereby declared which asks Westminster water consumers to help in a voluntary effort to achieve a ten percent reduction in water usage from prior consumption (last year) for the same billing period. All customers are asked, but are not required, to work toward the following goals:

- 1. Single family residential units are asked to reduce consumption by at least 10% from last year or use less than 450 gallons of water per day.
- 2. Mobile home units are asked to reduce consumption by at least 10% from last year or use less than 250 gallons average per residential or mobile home unit of water per day.
- 3. Multi-unit residential, apartment buildings and motel buildings are asked to reduce consumption by at least 10% from last year or use less than 300 gallons per apartment unit of water per day.
- 4. No water should be used to clean, fill or maintain levels in decorative fountains, ponds, lakes or similar structures used for aesthetic purposes, unless such water is part of a recycling system.
- No restaurant, hotel, café, cafeteria or other public place where food is sold, served or offered for sale, should serve drinking water to any person unless expressly requested.
- 6. No water customer should knowingly permit water to leak from any facility on the customer's premises.
- 7. Lawns, landscape, and other turf areas should not be watered or irrigated between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; commercial nurseries, and drip irrigation systems are not the subject of this request.
- 8. Water customers should not knowingly water or irrigate any lawn, landscape or other turf area in a manner that causes or allows excess water flow or runoff onto an adjoining sidewalk, driveway, street, gutter, or ditch.

- 9. All commercial and industrial business establishments are asked to reduce water consumption by five (5) percent per billing based on last year's usage during the same billing period.
- 10. This system is strictly voluntary, and there are no compulsory requirements. There are no penalties, forfeitures, charges, fees or other punishments that will be applied to those who for whatever reason cannot or do not meet these requests.

For purposes of this resolution the base year shall be last year, 2007.

FURTHER, the voluntary water conservation shall be implemented after public announcement and notice through the water billings to all customers, and shall become effective immediately upon notice.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 27th day of August 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

COUNCILMEMBERS:

RICE, QUACH, FRY, MARSH, TA

NOES: ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NONE

COUNCILMEMBERS:

) ss.

NONE

ATTEST:

MARIAN CONTRERAS, CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

CITY OF WESTMINSTER)

I, MARIAN CONTRERAS, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Clerk of the City of Westminster, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Westminster held on the 27th day of August 2008.

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City Clerk